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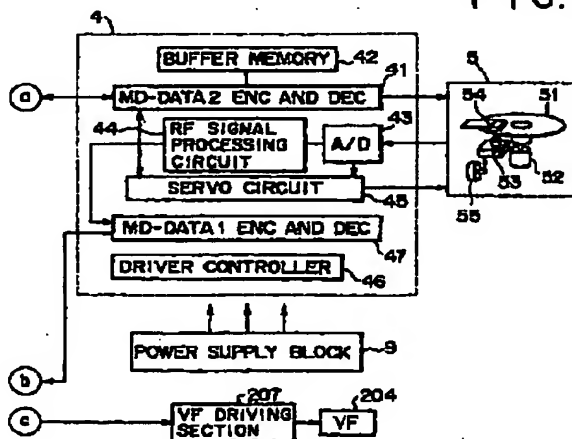
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(57) The invention provides an apparatus and method which allows playback of both of a first optical disc wherein the opposite side faces of a groove formed thereon are wobbled at a first predetermined frequency and a second optical disc wherein one of the opposite side faces of a groove formed thereon is wobbled at a second frequency shorter than the first predetermined

frequency while the other face of the groove is formed as a flat face. In the apparatus and method, it is discriminated whether an object optical disc (51) of playback is the first optical disc or the second optical disc, and various servo systems are switched based on a result of the discrimination.

FIG. 4B



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